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Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel  
and Director  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Blakey:

As you are aware, we have been providing access to unsanitized documents for your review at the CIA Headquarters Building at Langley. The practice has been to sanitize notes and summaries prepared at CIA Headquarters by your staff when they are to be transferred to the HSCA facilities. More recently, in support of your interviews and depositions, we have established a special facility in your area where unsanitized documents have been held for reference during the depositions. We have come to refer to this as the "beachhead." It was our intention that this storage be temporary, as reflected in the agreement transmitted from Admiral Turner to Chairman Stokes on 16 May 1978.

In the course of the beachhead's existence, your staff members have developed a number of working notes with an intermixture of materials from the unsanitized documents and analysis and conclusions by your personnel. You wish to hold this analysis private within your staff until completion of the HSCA inquiry, and have proposed that the notes and documents on two subjects -- [REDACTED] -- be excepted from established procedures for secure document control. It so happens, as you are aware, that the two general subjects involve some of the more sensitive information in your inquiry, from a security point of view. The problem has become that of how to meet our requirements for physical control over CIA documents while protecting for you the internal thought processes of your staff.

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Our solution is as follows. As we had planned, all CIA documents and derivative material will be returned to CIA Headquarters. Those materials involving the two specific issues noted above will be stored in a special two-combination

safe. CIA will hold the combination to one of the locks and HSCA staff representatives will hold the other combination set by HSCA security officers. Access to material in the safe will be thereby limited to those HSCA persons specifically approved for access and will be returned to full CIA control at the conclusion of the inquiry.

We will, of course, continue to transport selected materials to the beachhead as hearings and depositions in the HSCA areas recur from time to time.

Sincerely,

/s/

S. D. Breckinridge  
Principal Coordinator HSCA

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